

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Call to Order: Chairman Mike Jopek, on March 5, 2009 at 3:02
P.M., in Room 472 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Mike Jopek, Chairman (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Russell Bean (R)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. John Fleming (D)
Rep. Timothy Furey (D)
Rep. Brian Hoven (R)
Rep. David Howard (R)
Rep. Margaret MacDonald (D)
Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D)
Rep. Lee Randall (R)
Rep. Keith Regier (R)
Rep. Janna Taylor (R)
Rep. Wendy Warburton (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: Rep. Julie French, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)
Rep. Mary Caferro (D)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. J. David Roundstone (D)
Rep. Bob Wagner (R)

Staff Present: Todd Everts, Legislative Branch
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 104, SJ 17, 2/25/2009

Executive Action: None

HEARING ON SB 104

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:21 Sen. John Esp (R), SD 31, opened the hearing on SB 104,
Revise estray notification and disposition
requirements.
00:01:32 Rep. Kerns entered the room.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:08 Christian MacKay, Executive Officer, Montana Board of
Livestock
00:04:53 Rep. Roundstone entered the room.
00:07:23 Jay Bodner, Montana Stockgrowers Association

Opponents' Testimony:

00:08:47 John Barrows, Executive Director, Montana Newspaper
Association

[EXHIBIT](#) (agh47a01)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:13:33 Rep. Butcher
00:14:57 Mr. MacKay
00:15:47 Rep. Butcher
00:16:55 Mr. MacKay
00:17:35 Rep. Taylor
00:17:52 Mr. MacKay
00:18:38 John Grainger, Montana Livestock Association and
Montana Cattlewomen
00:19:27 Rep. Dickenson
00:19:47 Mr. Grainger
00:20:57 Rep. Bean
00:21:34 Mr. MacKay
00:21:40 Rep. French and Rep. Wagner entered the room.
00:22:30 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:22:34 Sen. Esp
00:23:28 Chairman Jopek

HEARING ON SJ 17

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:23:46 Sen. Gary Perry (R), SD 35, opened the hearing on
SJ 17, Encourage consideration of horse transportation
planning.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:25:35 Marianne Amsden, Self
[EXHIBIT \(agh47a02\)](#)
00:29:14 Jennifer Mohler, Self
00:32:19 Merlyn Huso, East Slope Back Country Horsemen
[EXHIBIT \(agh47a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:33:46 Rep. Wagner
00:35:48 Sen. Perry
00:36:44 Rep. Wagner
00:37:41 Sen. Perry
00:38:33 Rep. Hoven
00:39:00 Ms. Amsden
00:40:33 Rep. Furey
00:41:34 Ms. Amsden
00:42:27 Rep. Butcher
00:44:21 Ms. Mohler
00:44:57 Rep. Wagner
00:45:00 Ms. Mohler
00:45:45 Chairman Jopek
00:45:58 Rep. Butcher
00:46:33 Ms. Mohler
00:46:45 Rep. Butcher
00:47:28 Ms. Amsden
00:47:47 Rep. Butcher
00:48:47 Ms. Amsden
00:49:21 Chairman Jopek

Closing by Sponsor:

00:49:27 Sen. Perry

00:51:35 Chairman Jopek

ADJOURNMENT

00:52:29 Adjournment: 3:54 p.m.

Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT ([agh47aad.pdf](#))